## Regional English Language Office (RELO) U.S. Embassy, Budapest

Guideline for applying for a Regional English Language Office (RELO) travel grant to the annual Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) convention in the United States

## **Pre-conditions:**

- The applicant MUST be accepted as a presenter at the TESOL convention. The presenter's
  name must appear on the final convention schedule. Eligible presentations include
  presenting as part of a panel or colloquium, giving a workshop or presenting a paper.
  Presenting a poster session DOES NOT COUNT. Serving as an interest section or other
  committee member DOES NOT COUNT.
- 2. The applicant must be a citizen of a country within the RELO-Budapest's jurisdiction (Albania, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia-Montenegro, Kosovo, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania or Estonia)
- 3. Only one presenter per session will be sent. (if you and a colleague are planning on copresenting, we will only pay for one)

Note: Even if you are accepted as a speaker/presenter at the TESOL convention, there is no guarantee that you will receive a travel grant to the TESOL convention.

## **Application Process:**

- 1. Complete the presenter/speaker application form for TESOL (can be downloaded at http://www.tesol.org/tesol2006). These applications are due **June 1, 2005**. Late applications are usually not considered.
- 2. TESOL will inform you whether or not your application to present has been accepted by September or October, 2005. If you are accepted, you can apply to the RELO for a travel grant. Applications MUST include:
  - a. Name of your presentation (and a copy of your acceptance letter).
  - b. Abstract of your presentation and name(s) of co-
  - c. Your personal information (a CV is best w/ contact information)
  - d. Budget to attend. Cost sharing is REQUIRED. RELO requests that the individual grantee and/or his/her institution of affiliation make a contribution to the costs. You must calculate the costs for the following
    - i. Roundtrip airfare on a US flagship carrier whenever possible
    - ii. Hotel/accommodations
    - iii. TESOL membership fee
    - iv. TESOL conference registration fee
    - v. Meals and incidental expenses

Send completed applications to Santhag@state.gov. All travel grant applications must be sent electronically.

- 3. Applications for a RELO Travel Grant are due December 15, 2005. RELO reviews applications received and informs candidates of the status of their applications by January 15, 2006.
- 4. Grantees are REQUIRED to submit a report on their activities during the TESOL convention and a summary of how they and their institutions of affiliation have benefited from the experience.